



A Message From The Secretary

During the last two weeks of June KDHE will conduct several meetings around the state to gather input from our many stakeholders including public and private partners, the general public and our staff. While we welcome input on a regular basis, we want to provide an easy forum for submitting it and believe these

meetings will provide that. The stakeholder meetings will also provide an opportunity to give out important information about the agency regarding ongoing planning, the current and future budgets, legislative initiatives and agency improvements.

The meetings will be held June 20 to 29 in the cities where KDHE district offices reside. Staff meetings will be held prior to the public meetings in each office including the Surface Mining Office in Frontenac. The schedule and meeting times are as follows:

Monday, June 20

Salina---2501 Market Place, Suite D
9 a.m. Staff Meeting
11 a.m. Public Meeting

Hays – 2301 E. 13th Street
3 p.m. Staff Meeting
6:30 p.m. Public Meeting

Tuesday, June 21

Dodge City---302 W. McArtor Road
1 p.m. Staff Meeting
6:30 p.m. Public Meeting

Wednesday, June 22

Wichita---130 S. Market, Suite 6050
4 p.m. Staff Meeting
6:30 p.m. Public Meeting

Thursday, June 23

Frontenac---4033 N. Parkview Drive
1 p.m. Staff Meeting
No public meeting in Frontenac

Chanute---1500 W. 7th Street
4 p.m. Staff Meeting
6:30 p.m. Public Meeting

Wednesday, June 29

Lawrence---800 West 24th Street
4 p.m. Staff Meeting
6:30 p.m. Public Meeting

Information gathered from these meetings will be used as we continue planning for the next legislative session, review agency regulations and policies and plot our course for the next several years. For anyone who can't make the meetings, we welcome your feedback through other means. We have an e-mail link on our Web site where information, ideas and questions can be submitted (info@kdhe.state.ks.us) and we also provide an *Ask the Secretary* section in our monthly newsletter where questions and comments may be submitted by employees and the public.

We welcome thoughts from anyone impacted by the agency including businesses, organizations, local government, local health departments, community groups, families and of course, our staff.

In our efforts to improve the agency's service, both internally and externally, it's critical that we have feedback from many different people in different arenas. We recognize that so much of what we do would be impossible without our stakeholders, and certainly all of what we do would be impossible without the valuable, dedicated, and hard working staff.

Thank you for your willingness to communicate openly with us and we look forward to a new and exciting summer ahead.

See you later this month!

Be well,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. A. Smith" or similar, written in a cursive style.